

Property Name: Homoco on U.S. 301
Survey No.: PG:74B-20

Description:

Significance:

National Register Evaluation:

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☐ recommended ☒ not recommended
Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Homoco on U.S. 301
Survey No.: PG:74B-20

Property Address <u>3711 Crain Highway, Mitchellville vicinity, Prince George's County</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Kenyon Oil Company Inc., 221 Quinebaug Rd., North Grosvenordale CT 06225</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1930, circa 1955, gas station demolished 1998</u>

Bibliography:

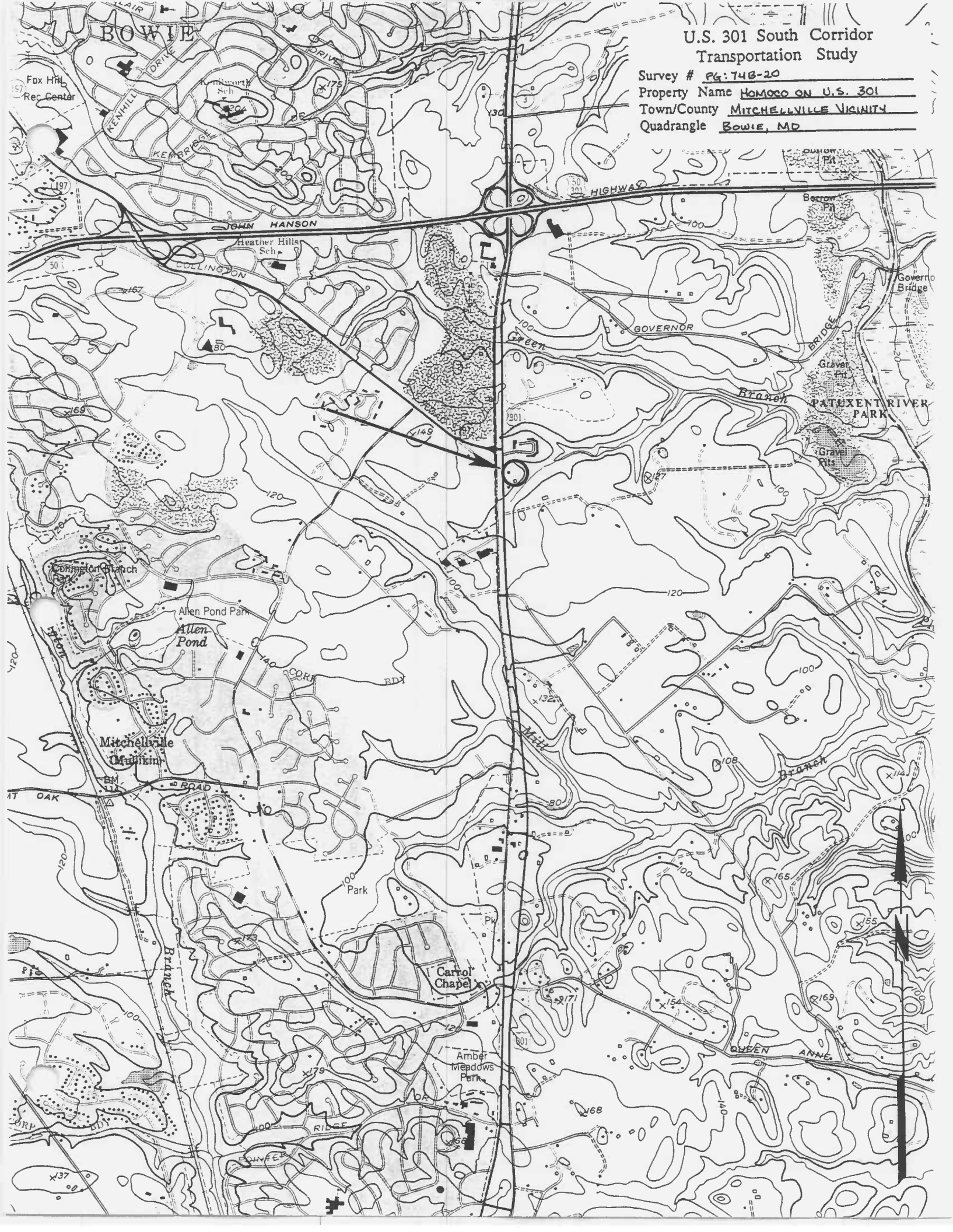
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BOWIE

U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # PG: 74B-20
Property Name HOMOCO ON U.S. 301
Town/County MITCHELLVILLE VICINITY
Quadrangle BOWIE, MD



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: 74B-20 Building Date: c.1953

Building Name: Homoco on US 301

Location: 3711 Northeast Crain Highway, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Gas Station/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description Summary

The Homoco station on US 301 is a small, one-story, three-by-four bay concrete block, stucco-covered gas station with a rectangular plan. The building is sited at a slight angle on its wedge-shaped property to more directly face north-bound traffic on US 301. The building's shallow shed roof slopes to the rear (north) and is concealed by a simple horizontal parapet that encircles three of its elevations. The building is undecorated except for a short projecting masonry tower above the entry on the main (south) facade and a curved wall and show window at the building's southwest corner (close to US 301). Freestanding gasoline pumps are located south of the building.

Significance Summary

The Homoco station on US 301 (Parcel 18, Tax Map 55) in Mitchellville is a good example of modest postwar roadside architecture. The building was purpose-built as an auto service and filling station on US 301, a major north-south route from Baltimore to southern Maryland that runs through the eastern edge of Prince George's County. The simple modernistic style of the station illustrates the utilitarian and unadorned architecture common to postwar roadside architecture. Throughout the period, roadside establishments simplified their approach to architecture and relied more on volume, shape and signage, rather than architectural complexity, to attract their potential customers -- high speed motorists. The Homoco station on US 301 was probably built in the mid 1950s, after Carter and Catherine Hall sold a 2.68 acre parcel through an agent to Stephen and Bernice Gambrill in October 1952. The Gambrills sold the property to the Home Oil Realty Company in 1966. Since 1986, the property has been owned by Homes Oil Company II.

Acreage: 86,828 sq. ft.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. PG # 74B-20

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Homoco on US 301

2. Location

street & number 3711 Northeast Crain Highway (U.S. Route 301) ___ not for publication

city, town Mitchellville ___ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational ___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Homes Oil Company II

street & number 10000 VA Manor Road , Suite 320 telephone no.:

city, town Beltsville state and zip code Maryland 20705

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6949

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 696

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The main facade of the building contains a large show that wraps around the west elevation. The window is composed of large vertical plate glass panes. The facade also contains a single-door entry, and two auto service bays that have been partially enclosed. The building has been painted white. Two small backlight signs are attached to the main facade; the larger of the two is attached to the projecting tower and identifies the building as a Homes Oil station. Much of the property surrounding the building is covered with asphalt paving. The freestanding gasoline pumps are located south of the building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1953

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☒ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Homoco station of US 301 was probably built in the mid 1950s, after Carter and Catherine Hall sold a 2.68 acre parcel through an agent to Stephen and Bernice Gambrill in October 1952. The Gambrills sold the property to the Home Oil Realty Company in 1966. Since 1986 the property has been owned by Homes Oil Company II. (see Chain of Title).

¹The road known today as US 301 was originally developed from 1922 to 1927 as Robert Crain Highway to link Baltimore City with the counties of southern Maryland. The portion of US 301 on which the Homoco station is located was dualized in the 1960s to accommodate greatly increased traffic.

²For a detailed discussion of postwar roadside architecture specifically focused on an auto-related design, see Vierya, Daniel I. Fill'er Up-- Architectural History of America's Gas Stations, New York: Collier/Macmillan Publishing Co., 1979.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Section #8.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 86,828 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Bowie

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	Zone	Easting	Northing

D	Zone	Easting	Northing

E	Zone	Easting	Northing

F	Zone	Easting	Northing

G	Zone	Easting	Northing

H	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 18, Tax Map 55

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Homoco on US 301
3711 NE Crain Highway
Mitchellville, Maryland

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Modern Period - AD 1930 -- Present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Transportation

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Functions and Uses: Gas Station

Design Source: unknown

CHAIN OF TITLE

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Homoco on US 301

3711 Northeast Crain Highway
Mitchellville, Maryland

6949:696
28 November 1986
Deed

Homes Oil Realty Company to Homes Oil Company II. Grantors conveys 1.99 acre tract known as Parcel 18 (Tax Map# 55). Same obtained from Stephen M. and Bernice A. Gambrill, 10 January 1966, 3267:187.

3267:187
10 January 1966
Deed

Stephen M. and Bernice A. Gambrill to Home Oil Realty Company. Grantors convey 1.99 acre tract known as Parcel 18. Same obtained from United Sales Corporation of Upper Marlboro, 8 October 1952, 1544:498.

1544:498
8 October 1952
Deed

United Sales Corporation of Upper Marlboro to Stephen M. and Bernice A. Gambrill. Grantor conveys 2.70 acre tract.

1544:496
7 October 1952
Deed

Carter F. and Catherine E. Hall to United Sales Corporation of Upper Marlboro. Grantors convey 2.68 acre tract. To clear title, this deed is made.



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Mitchellville
Prince Georges County

Bowie



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Prince George's County, Maryland

Howard S. Berger

March 1993

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Prince George's County, Maryland

Harold S. B. ...

March 1993

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